

## Tribal and International Affairs

### Activity, Accomplishments and Issues, 21—28 July 2017

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#### Grants Management and TEAs

- Advanced **GAP grants** mgt:
  - Continued processing of applications and awards: Sokoagon (drafted FR/CN), Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (reminder sent) Lac Courtes Oreilles (package to Grants Office for processing).
- Advanced **Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs)**:
  - **Applications and awards:** Saginaw Chippewa (all issues resolved), Red Lake (program reviews pending), White Earth (tribal response pending), Bois Forte (LCD funding decision pending).
  - **Incremental awards:** Saginaw Chippewa (GAP, 128a), Mille Lacs (128a, 106), St Croix (128a, 106), Little River (128a, 106), Bois Forte (GAP), Red Lake (106, 319), Notawaseppi Huron (NHPB, 106), Fond du Lac (GAP, 128a), Stockbridge-Munsee (GAP, special training grant from OW HQ), Prairie Island (GAP, 319 competitive grant), Shakopee (GAP + new 106 and 319), Red Cliff (GAP, 319 competitive grant), Hannahville (CWA 106), Oneida (GAP, 128a), Pokagon (CWA 106), Gun Lake (CWA 106, 128a), Lower Sioux (CWA 106, 128a), Upper Sioux (CWA 106), KBIC (CWA 106, 128a).
  - **Supplemental awards:** Red Cliff, PIIC (nationally competitive 319 grant), Stockbridge-Munsee.
  - **Closeouts** underway: KBIC, LVD, Lower Sioux, Gun Lake, FDL, PIIC, Shakopee, Upper Sioux.
  - **New PPG:** Red Cliff combining GAP, CWA 106 and competitive 319.
  - Mille Lacs PPG closeout is overdue. Received deliverables. WD 106 comments sent to Tribe.
  - Status of Bois Forte lead program unresolved. Additional meeting planned for 2 August.
  - Discussed status of reporting at Fond du Lac with WD.
- **Environmental Justice grants** (for R5 OECA):
  - Initiated review of project narrative and budget for Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership.
  - Awaiting comments from technical contacts for Starkweather Project (OECA Cinninatti) and Near NW Neighborhood Project (LCD).
  - Completed review of project narrative and budget for Refuge Development Center Project. Awaiting technical comment re-write (LCD).
- Commented on OITA draft GAP Guiding Principles aligning actions with new EPA strategic plan.
- Commented on AIEO proposal to limit tribal applications under PPGs to certain EPA programs. Proposal conflicts with PPG practice of coordinating many programs and also conflicts with 2013 Guidance.
- Resolved, at staff level, TIAO/ARD issue in managing CAA 105 grants within PPGs. TIAO SOP will govern.
- Received HQ summary paper on coordination of Brownfields grants within PPGs. Final procedural resolution expected soon.

#### Tribal Relations

- Reservations or communities visited: none.
- Near-term visits planned: Lower Sioux Indian Community.
- Continued to facilitate LUST cleanup at Lac du Flambeau. Provided summary info to support multiple meetings with ORA and LCD in response to LDF withdrawal from discussions. Participated in call with WDNR management to consider cooperative remedial options.

#### International Relations

- Continued planning for foreign delegation from India re Smart Cities and sustainability.

#### Planning

- Continued prep for R5TOC 22-23 Aug. Scheduled DD briefing. Added OITA presentation on WOTUS rulemaking. Pending arrangements for HQ presentation on cooperative federalism.